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In honor of our 25th and Casa Grande's 125th anniversary, we've reprinted an excerpt of Jim's article on Casa Grande from the Spring 1997 issue of the Watch. Read how his view of Casa Grande has changed in the intervening years.

...I'm sure many of you know something about Casa Grande Ruins and agree it is worthy of preservation. But just because we think of it as significant and worthy of preservation does not guarantee future generations will agree. Each generation must validate a property's significance not to the past but to the present.

Will it matter in the future that this monument was constructed in the 1300s and has survived almost 700 years of wind rain and vandalism?

Will it matter that Father Kino was the first European to see the ruins in 1694 and that it was the only mandated feature delineated on maps of the area for over 100 years?

Will it matter that this site was guarded by a Presbyterian minister from Florence Arizona who may have been Arizona's first site steward?

...Although these facts of the monument's history are very significant and obviously make it eligible under Criterion A for this history I don't think future generations will preserve this monument because of this history. Future generations will preserve not for its history, but for its presence. Not for its information potential, but for its presence. Not for its relationship to import individuals, but for its presence. Its presence each and every time it is visited. It is the power of presence that must be preserved. Our job is to preserve this monument so future generations can feel this presence. Jim Garrison March 1997 Watch

Update 2012 Arizona's Centennial Year

Presence over history does it still make sense? Absolutely, now more than ever! Why does

Reminiscences

Many of our longest serving stewards come out of what is now called the Northeast Region. Here is the reminiscence of John Parsons our second longest serving Steward in the program.

I was recruited by Doug Johnson after having taken some anthropology classes at our local college in 1989 and in December of that year was appointed Regional Coordinator of Region 28 - Snowflake. The region consisted of one site, and one steward - me. It was not until April of 1991 that I had completed the basic training and certified as a Site Steward.

It might appear that we were somewhat laid back in those days as indicated by the lag between starting with the program and becoming a certified program, but two months after being recruited into the program, in February of 1990, we were in the thick of the battle to get the Burial Law passed. Much letter writing and telephoning went into this and I consider having helped to get the law passed as to be one of the high points of my service as a Site Steward.

This area, the White Mountains, has always been an area where the desecration of Indian graves by pothunters was an acceptable form of recreation and gaining economically. Because of this, all of the sites had been vandalized to various extents. The larger task in this area was to educate the people as to the reasons why this was not an acceptable practice.

A year or two after joining the program the Snowflake region was combined with Show Low and I served with Gene Ivie, who was the Regional Coordinator. Every time we would go out, it would be with the prayer that there would be no vandalism in our sites and this proved to be the fact almost all of the time. I think that the reason for this was that there were so many unprotected sites on private land that were being attacked.

In 2000 I was appointed co-rc with Dorothy Hall and about two years later was made RC for the Show Low region.

In 2002 I was able to participate in an investigation of a pot-hunting site near the Petrified Forest. This investigation included several Site Stewards, and representatives from Federal, State, and County law agencies. The sight of the ribs and skeleton parts of babies scattered around the pits brought home again the fact that, even if progress was being made, there were still many out there who had no respect for human remains.

The second highlight of my time with the program was being able to bring people from the Round Valley area into the program. This group was and continues to be a highly motivated and active group. With this addition the regions grew to cover from the Round Valley to Show Low areas, and support given to Winslow and Holbrook.

One of the outreaches that we did was to participate in the Navajo County fair. To show the depth of previous held ideas, directly across from our booth was a display containing a collection of polychrome sherds, with a ribbon for second place attached.

In 2005, I resigned as RC for Show Low but have continued as a Site Steward. It continues to be a source of great sense of accomplishment to me and most important, I have been able to enjoy the company of some great people.

**Resolution
In Recognition of**

Arizona Site Stewards

WHEREAS: For the last 50 years, Arizona State Parks has protected and preserved 30 State Parks and Natural Areas.

WHEREAS: Arizona State Parks has over a \$266 million impact to the State of Arizona through direct, indirect, and induced income.

WHEREAS: The Arizona Site Stewards recognized the importance of keeping Arizona State Parks open to the public and recognized that the budget constraints affecting the State of Arizona made it difficult for the Arizona State Parks Board to commit adequate funds to operate the park. The agreement with the Arizona Site Stewards demonstrates it is committed to helping keep Arizona State Parks open to the public.

WHEREAS: The Arizona Site Stewards have performed this task beyond expectation with 700 site stewards, 60,000 hours worked annually equaling 28 FTE's or \$1,281,600 for the support the operation of Arizona State Parks; and

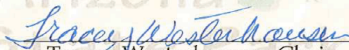
WHEREAS: The Arizona Site Stewards continues to provide superb service to the Arizona State Parks Board and the people of Arizona, in times of need and times of plenty; it is hereby

RESOLVED:

That the Arizona State Parks Board expresses sincere gratitude for the work and accomplishments of the Arizona Site Stewards; and

That this Resolution be entered into the records of the Arizona State Parks Board and a copy be presented to the Arizona Site Stewards as a token of the high regard held by the Arizona State Parks Board.

Dated this thirtieth day of November 2011.


Tracey Westerhausen, Chair
Arizona State Parks Board



Arizona State Parks Board Members

Walter D. Armer, Jr., Reese Woodling, Larry Landry, Alan Everett, William C. Scalzo
Maria Baier, State Land Commissioner
Renée E. Bahl, Executive Director

As all of you know Arizona State Parks has had a critical four years in its development. Many of the parks were forced to close and were only reopened due to the generosity and perseverance of our many partners and volunteers. To honor this commitment The Arizona State Parks board passed the above resolution thanking the Site Stewards for participating in the rebuilding of State Parks. Tracey Westerhausen presented the formal letter of thanks to Nicole Armstrong Best along with Steve Ross and Dr. Charles Adams on behalf of the Site Stewards at the November 2011 Board meeting in Apache Junction. We would like to thank the State Parks Board for recognizing all the fantastic work that the stewards do every day not only for parks but also for the entire state as well.

Update 2012 Arizona's Centennial Year cont

First by encroachment: Many historic properties need their historic setting in order to protect their feeling of presence. Many historic properties are faced with massive developments right next door that change the scale and sense of place.

Second by apathy: In the electronic age faux experience is as good or even better than a real experience. Why go to the Grand Canyon when you can download 15,000 images on your cell phone. And why pay for all that gas. If everything around us is fake, from Tuscan stone to marble tubs to plastic flowers why do we need to have real things affect us by their presence?

Third by the present: More and more people live for today, the past and the future don't exist. Therefore, historic resources don't have significance for today. They are simply curiosities of the past—in the way of progress. But progress for the present doesn't necessarily lead to the future. Like oil, if we use up the historic resources the next generation will have to assign meaning in a different way.

Just like personal savings, saving resources for the future generations may become too big a luxury.

You can help Preserve Casa Grande Ruins so that it can make another 125 years. Visit our website at friendsofcasagranderuins.org to find out how.

Dr. Douglas Craig, President

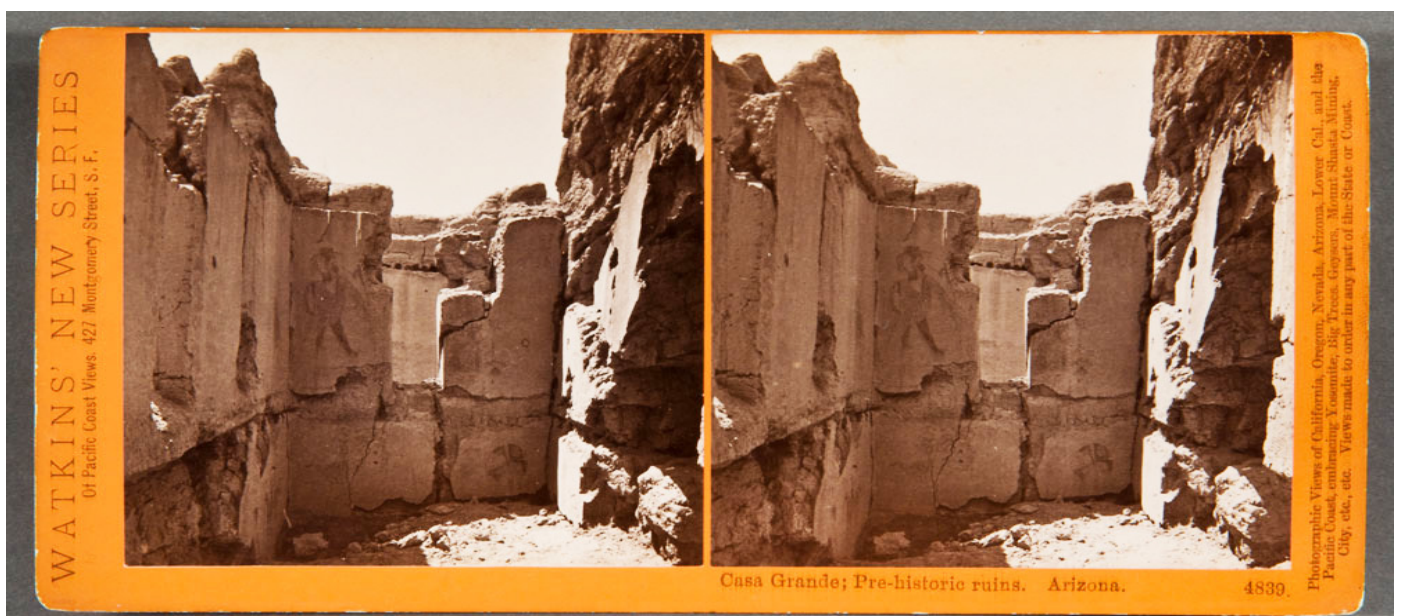


Friends of Casa Grande Ruins
COOLIDGE, AZ



Finally by lack of care: Just like the message above from 1997 each generation must decide for itself what's worthy of preservation. Without caring for the resource there will be no resource care. We face the generational turn over of our historic resources. The corporate memory will need to be renewed. My generation is retiring and passing the torch to the next generation. Who will be next in line to care for our historic patrimony? Many will hopefully be site stewards.

James Garrison, SHPO, January 2012



Tonopah Region

We have been very busy in the Tonopah region over the last few years as we have been working closely with the Center for Desert Archeology (CDA) in relocating sites, photographing petroglyphs, and taking GPS readings on sites in our region that have been lost or are new to the archeological record. This includes the relocating of old sites along the Gila River between Buckeye and Sears Point that were identified and surveyed in the 1960s and then lost. This is part of the CDA project to preserve sites in the Great Bend of the Gila River. We have been working with the BLM to close some wildcat roads into sites such as Red Rock Canyon, and along the Vekol Wash.

We took out a lot of trash at the Ladrone site on the Sonoran Desert National Monument (SDNM).

We have been working to relocate sites on “Mellenger Mesa” that is on the north side of the Gila River and south of Oatman Mountain and have relocated some complex intaglio features, trail fragments, small village sites, and other features in that area.

We are visiting site steward sites located in the SDNM mostly south of I-8 in Vekol Valley, but must be careful when visiting that region due to the illegal activity that is occurring, though it seems that it is much less than what it was.

We have also been working with the CDA to relocate sites in Pinal County along Vekol Wash north of I 8. There are a number of village sites, petroglyphs, and other features that have been located, and recorded by the CDA and our site stewards.

We are seeing some vandalism in areas south of the Gila River near Powers Butte and Robbins Butte but not to the sites themselves.

We are working on the Jagow Well sites to get a better record of what is the current condition of those sites so that we can determine when vandalism has occurred and what the damage was.

We continue to monitor the sites in the Saddle Mountain area and the Eagletail Mountain area.

Doug Newton, RC Region 9T

Kingman Region

Happy New Year! The Kingman area for the most part has been quiet. We have had some vandalism at a couple of rock art sites. We have a Hualapai Indian burial site that is getting closer to being fenced in and a monument will be placed there.

Larry Mozis, RC Region 17

SAVE THE DATE:

March 30- April 1, 2012

The annual Site Steward meeting is being held at La Posada Hotel and Homolovi State Park this year. This meeting culminates our 25th anniversary celebration so we thought it only fitting it be held at our very first official site, Homolovi State Park. Camp Sites will be available at Homolovi. We hope to see you there. See page 10 for further information on the agenda. See page 1 for the link to register for the event which will be available for use February 1, 2012. Hotel and camping information will be included in that registration form. Can't wait for the fun to begin!



Regional News Continued

Lake Havasu Region

Several of the Lake Havasu Region Site Stewards joined in a celebration of Public Lands Day on November 5th. The morning's program was located at Partners Point, which is a site managed by several agencies, including BLM, AZ. Game & Fish, and others. We set up the new Site Steward display, complete with artifacts under glass, to explain the purpose of our program. Our display was adjacent to one of our local BLM archeologist, George Shannon, prepared and the six stewards worked side-by-side with him. Everyone who participated enjoyed the day.

Jenny Anderson, RC Region 37

Arizona Strip

Fall was busy with site visits for many stewards who got in that "one last visit" before bad weather was likely to set in on the Arizona Strip. In November, we also held our annual Appreciation Pot Luck and enjoyed seeing Kristen who made the long trek up from Phoenix. Barbara Frank, archaeologist extraordinaire from Southern Utah U. and Zion NP, gave a terrific presentation on sites that she had excavated in the northern part of the AZ Strip. It was especially interesting because of the similarity of the features and ceramics to many sites that we monitor. We all came away with a better understanding of the prehistory of the area and the importance of the sites on the Arizona Strip. In 2012, we're looking forward to further expanding the number of sites and site stewards in the program.

Lesley & Roger McPeck

Jenny Anderson at fall outreach program



Central/Salt River Region

We have seen a 12% increase in membership in Maricopa County in the last year. Additionally we are very excited about our new Teen Tagging Taskforce, which will bring teenagers into the program as peer advisors to stop graffiti at our sites. Our first training for them is February 3rd. October was a great month with a well-attended meeting at Casa Grande where we saw many sites never before seen by the general public. We will be having multiple outreach programs during the spring at Tres Rios, Gilbert Library, Best Fest, Advocacy Day at the State Legislature, and Archaeology Day at the State Capitol. In addition we are having training days on April 14 & 21 so if you know of anyone who would like to become a site steward have him or her send in an application now.

Finally we are having our annual revitalization of all the regions in Maricopa at Lake Pleasant on May 12th. We look forward to seeing you all at these many events.

Kristen McLean & Greg Davis, RC Region 9

Prescott Region

The fall months were ideal for getting out and checking our sites, particularly the remote ones. Unfortunately, the vandals thought so also and the incidences of damage have not abated. Fortunately, most have been minor and not ongoing at any given site. The numbers of sites we monitor have gone up slightly as we transferred in 2 from Region 33 and added a new one. We also welcome a new site steward, Bob F who has taken on the newer sites.

Very sadly, Bill Atherton passed away in October. Bill was a Site Steward for many years, most recently in Region 22. He was rugged, loved the outdoors and was its Steward in many capacities, including Search and Rescue, and map-making for fire departments in small communities. When physically unable to go to his sites but wanting to continue to contribute, Bill offered to make maps for us, which he did swiftly and accurately. Those who were acquainted with Bill miss him very much but are the richer for having known this very caring and kind man.

Mark M and Pete R monitor a walled hilltop pueblo located near a sandstone quarry. Recent blasting at the quarry might have caused the partial collapse of a wall and raised the question of how much damage might be being done to the walls and how to monitor it and take corrective action if necessary. To this end, in July of this year, they attached two crack monitors to the walls where further damage might be recorded. Cont. page 8

They then checked them monthly and recorded and photographed the movement of the dials. This was not an insignificant task as the placement of the monitors was over the side of the wall and partially down the side of the hill. The data ultimately showed very little movement and blasting apparently is over for that section of the quarry. However, this is the first time the Prescott National Forest has used this type of data collection and I believe it is a first for the SS program.

Judy Stoycheff, RC Region 22

Below: Mark M checking the monitors in Prescott National Forest.



Payson Region

The Payson Region trained 5 new site stewards on 11-12-2011, with the assistance of Scott Wood, doing the field training at Rye Creek Ruin. All of whom have been quite enthusiastic, and have made initial visits to some of their sites. We also did a group outing to Sunflower Ruin on 11-20-2011. Eight of us enjoyed a beautiful day, and the new stewards got to see the power of GPS location in action.

We are hoping to do a social/group get together and meeting in the next quarter, for the long-time stewards and stewards trained in June and November of 2011 to meet, share information and make plans. Another group site visit outing in the next three months, to a site near Roosevelt Lake, is in the early planning stage.

Chris Tetzloff, RC Region 14

San Pedro Region

On November 12, the San Pedro Region hosted a new site steward training followed by a session about using the new online site report forms (it is easy). Four new San Pedro stewards and one existing San Pedro Region site steward attended, as did several new stewards who will be participating in the Tucson Region group. Ms. Kristen McLean, Site Steward Program Director, and Ms. Jacquie Dale, Director for the Bisbee Region Stewards, ran the training, which was held at Central Arizona College Aravaipa Campus. After the classroom session, site stewards visited an archaeological site along the San River to complete the training. Welcome to new San Pedro Region Site Stewards Donna Baremore, Bob S., Jaimison S., and Samantha V.! Many thanks to Kristen for lunch and and Jacquie for her discussion on San Pedro archaeology.

Beth Ann Krueger, RC Region 36

Hassayampa Region

There have been several Site Stewards from the Hassayampa, Agua Fria and Salt River Regions working with the Friends of Agua Fria National Monument, BLM and the Arizona Advisory Commission on the Arizona Centennial Legacy Project. This project has been underway since the summer of 2010 with the idea of showcasing a pre statehood Schoolhouse as an important part of our Arizona history. We started with the original 1891 survey map with the Schoolhouse located on what is now the north end of the Agua Fria National Monument and our research began.

Our Site Stewards proved to be very dedicated in doing the research and using their outstanding computer skills as well as visiting numerous libraries and museums in order to find the information to assemble the story for the 1891 Schoolhouse. We are culminating our year and a half work with an Arizona Centennial Legacy event planned for February 14, 2012 to commemorate this site and the Arizona one hundred year celebration complete with music, period clothing and children's games from the 1800's. I cannot thank our Site Stewards enough for their tenacity in making this project a success as well as preserving this important historic site.

Last fall the Site Steward Program lost a very important Site Steward who lost his battle with cancer. Bill Atherton became a Site Steward in May 1999 and was active in the Hassayampa Region until he moved to Dewey in 2006 and became part of the Prescott Region. He was one of the best Site Stewards of all time and he loved the remote sites that were a challenge to get to. Bill and his jeep "Silver Bullet" will be remembered as a very dedicated (and fearless) Site Steward who gave 110% to the Site Steward Program. He will be truly missed.

Shelley Rasmussen, RC Region 9H

ASP VOLUNTEER VENTURE & SITE STEWARD CONFERENCE SCHEDULE

FRIDAY, MARCH 30th AGENDA – Focus for Arizona State Parks Volunteers

MORNING SESSIONS AND LUNCH HELD AT THE MUSEUM OF NORTHERN ARIZONA

10:00am	Opening Session: The State of State Parks <i>Bill Feldmeier, Acting Director, Arizona State Parks</i>
10:30am	The Riordan Family and the Development of Flagstaff – <i>Kathy Farreta, Museum of Northern Arizona</i>
11:15am	Explore the Museum of Northern Arizona
Noon	Lunch and Arizona State Park Volunteer Recognition Awards
2:00pm – 5:00pm	Tours of Riordan Mansion State Historic Park
7:30pm	Campfire and Native Star Stories at Homolovi State Park, Winslow

SATURDAY, MARCH 31st AGENDA – Focus for Arizona Site Stewards

UNLESS NOTED, ALL SESSIONS AND DINNER HELD AT LA POSADA HOTEL

8:30am	History of Homolovi – Dr. Chuck Adams, Arizona State University
9:00am	Concurrent Sessions: Guided Tours of Homolovi (at the Park) Historical Archaeology of Northeastern Arizona
11:30am	Lunch on Your own
1:30pm	Concurrent Sessions: Guided Tours of Homolovi (at the Park) Archaeo-astronomy – <i>Dr. Allen Dart, RPA</i>
4:30pm	No-Host Bar Happy Hour and Arizona/Site Steward Silent Auction
5:30 pm	Dinner and Arizona Site Steward Recognition Awards

SUNDAY, APRIL 1st SCHEDULE

8:00am/10am	Tour of Homolovi IV
8:30am	Tour of Cheylon Pass (\$10 fee)

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Stretching the Site Steward Budget
Thanks to our wonderful contributors for their
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archaeological resources of Arizona
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The Cherie Freeman Honor Fund balance
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